23rd June, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In Level 4 next term, the students will be introduced to the program *Scratch*. This is a programming language that promotes creative thinking and assists in the development of the students reasoning skills. Through a moderated online community the students can share their *Scratch* projects with other students from around the world. You can get further information about the program from this website <https://scratch.mit.edu/parents/> .

Students will be asked to provide the following information as part of the registration process:

* username – students will use their current username for logging in to the school network, which is the first three letters of their surname and a 4 digit number
* country
* birth month and year – this is used to confirm ownership of the account if the owner loses the password and email or asks to close an account.
* gender
* contact email address – the students will use their school email account. *Scratch* do not send emails to this address except when someone requests to have the account password reset.

The username and country of the account holder are displayed publicly on their profile page. The birth month / year, email address, and gender associated with the account are not displayed publicly. *Scratch* collects this information so they know the age and gender of users in aggregate, and for research purposes. They do not sell or rent information about our users to anyone.

Further information on *Scratch’s* privacy policy can be found at

<https://scratch.mit.edu/help/faq/>

Could you please fill out and return the attached consent form and return it to your class teacher by Tuesday 14th July.

If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to come and see me.

Kind regards

Julie Hall

ICT Teacher

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the relevant box

* I consent for my son/daughter to register for an online *Scratch* account
* I do not consent to creating an online *Scratch* account, but am happy for my son/daughter to use an offline version of the program

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